

WAKEFIELD
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

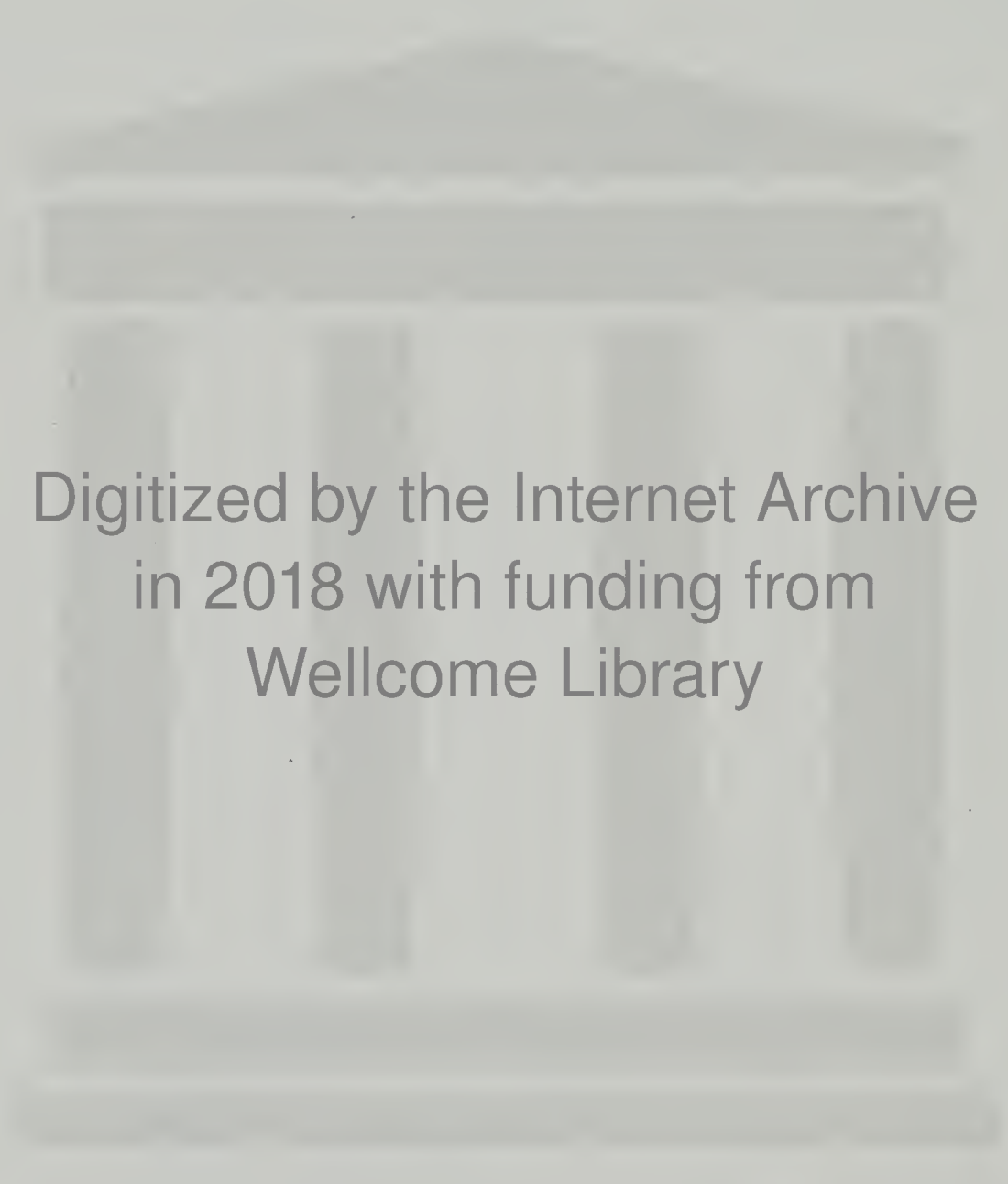
REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1948

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my second Annual Report.

Accompanying this Report is the last report of Mr. Briddick who has been Sanitary Inspector to the Rural District for 25 years. I should like to take this opportunity of paying my tribute to Mr. Briddick's work and of expressing my great regret that I shall not have the privilege of working with him any longer.

The year 1948 marks the beginning of the working of the National Health Service Act. This, directly or indirectly, materially affects the work of all local authorities. I have therefore given in the report an account of all the health services provided under the Act in the district. It is too early to make any critical comment of the way in which the services have so far worked but I hope the report will give the Committee a general idea of the organisation.

In conclusion I should like to say how much I have appreciated the co-operation of the Council's officials and the kindness and support of the Committee.

I am, Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. EVANS.

THE WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year ending 31st December, 1948.

Section A.—Statistics and Social Conditions.

Statistics.

Area.—22,011 acres.

Population.—18,270.

Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1948) according to Rate Books.—5,420.

Rateable Value.—£75,521.

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate.—£299 1s. 10d.

Social Conditions.

Coal-mining and its By-products, along with Agriculture are the chief industries; consequently the District is partly urban and partly rural. Such people as work in mills, etc., at Dewsbury, Ossett, Wakefield, etc., are transported to and fro by the excellent road and rail facilities.

Vital Statistics.

	Total	M.	F.	
Live Births...Legitimate	342	177	165	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 19·9
...Illegitimate	21	9	12	
	363	186	177	
Still Births...Legitimate	10	6	4	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) ... 26·7
...Illegitimate	—	—	—	
	10	6	4	
Deaths ...	169	90	79	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 9·3

INFANTILE MORTALITY IN 1948.

Net deaths from stated causes under one year of age :— 11

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week.	1—2 Weeks.	2—3 Weeks.	3—4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1—3 Months.	3—6 Months.	6—9 Months.	9—12 Months.	Total under 1 Year.
Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
Prematurity	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Congenital Malformation etc.	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	3
Meningitis.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Totals ..	5	—	—	—	5	2	2	2	—	11

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

Administrative County of West Riding, Yorks. ... 38

Wakefield Rural District ... 30

Comparative Statistics.

	Rate per 1,000 Total Population	Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population	Maternal Death rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	Infant Mortality
	Live Birth	All Causes		
		Zymotic		
West Riding Administrative County	18.5	11.3	1.15	39
Wakefield R.D.C.	19.9	9.3	—	30

Wakefield R.D. — Causes of Death.

	0 — I		— 5		— 15		— 30		— 45		— 60		— 75		75 +		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	I	—	—	I	—	—	I	—	—	—	2	3
Cancer of Oesophagus (M). Uterus (F). ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—	—	—	—	I	I
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—	—	—	2	I
Cancer of Breast ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—	—	—	4
Cancer of all other sites ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	8	I	I	2	II	9
Diabetes ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—
Intracranial Vascular lesions ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—	I	—	—	—	9	I3
Heart diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	2	8	5	28	16
Other diseases of circulatory system ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	—	4	6	4
Bronchitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	3	I	9	I
Pneumonia ..	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	I	I	4	3	4
Other Respiratory diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ..	I	I	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	I
Digestive diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	I	2	I	I	4
Nephritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	I	—	—	I	6
Premature Birth ..	2	I	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	I
Congenital malformation ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Birth injuries. Infant diseases ..	I	2	I	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2
Suicide ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—	—	—	—	—	I
Road Traffic Accidents ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—	I	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
Other Violent Causes ..	—	—	I	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	I	—	—	—	I	I	2
All other causes ..	I	—	—	I	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	7	7	5
TOTALS ..	5	6	2	—	—	2	3	2	3	9	II	12	44	22	22	27	90	79

Section B.—General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health :

Dr. W. G. EVANS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.Chir., D.P.H., M.A.

Sanitary Inspector : THOS. H. BRIDDICK, M.R.San.I., F.S.I.A.

(Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Inspector of Nuisances. Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Inspector of Meat and other Foods. Diploma, Sanitary Training College, London, for Sanitary Inspection, Law, Science and Hygiene. Diploma, Sanitary Training College, London, for Meat, Food and Drugs Inspection).

Additional Sanitary Inspector : — E. HEALD, M.S.I.A.

Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the Medical Research Council's Public Health Laboratory Service in Wakefield. The Service is comprehensive and free.

Ambulance Facilities.

On July 5th the County Council took over all the ambulance services of the County districts. Under the National Health Service this is a free service. Unfortunately there has been a tendency to overload it. It is to be hoped that the general public will come to appreciate their responsibilities for keeping the service available for those whose need is real, by calling upon it as little as possible. The difficulties of the service have been enhanced by the high wastage of old vehicles inherited from some authorities and the difficulty in getting new vehicles. The situation in this respect is slowly improving.

Isolation Hospital Accommodation.

On July 5th this became the responsibility of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board. During the year there was no change in the arrangements for the use of Carr Gate Isolation Hospital.

General Hospital Facilities.

The Leeds Regional Hospital Board took over on July 5th all the general hospitals usually patronised by the people of the Rural District.

It is evident that this Region suffers in the general shortage of beds, particularly for the chronic sick. The establishment of a bed bureau would, I believe, go far to assist doctors in finding accommodation for this type of case and for emergencies.

Domiciliary Nursing.

Under the National Health Service Act, the County Council took over the work of the District Nursing Association on July 5th. There were five such Associations in the Rural District — Crofton, Crigglesstone, Bretton & Woolley, Walton & Sitlington. Generally speaking there have been few changes in the service under the County Council. It has been possible to extend it to Sharlston which previously was not covered. In accordance with the policy of the Council, nurses doing additional duties such as Health Visiting and Midwifery are being relieved of these duties. Efforts are also being made to obtain cars for those nurses without them and this will add greatly to their comfort and efficiency.

Venereal Diseases.

The centre for the treatment of venereal diseases is at Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.

Maternity Services.

Institutional Accommodation was taken over by the Leeds Regional Board as part of the hospital service. The County Medical Officer continued by arrangement with the Board to administer the booking arrangements for institutions formerly under the County Council.

Under this system priority is given to complicated cases, those with unsatisfactory home conditions and those having their first babies. Recommendations are made by the Divisional Medical Officer of Health on the report of the doctor or nurse concerned to the County Medical Officer's Department. Here applications from all divisions are collated and the available accommodation booked. On the whole this system has worked satisfactorily though with the present shortage of beds there are bound to be some disappointments. Of the 373 births in the Rural District, 194 were born in institutions.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

There are four of these clinics operating in the district — Middlestown, Crofton, Sharlston and Crigglesstone. The first three are held fortnightly and the last monthly. Dr. I. Hargreaves, Assistant County Medical Officer, acts as Medical Officer to these clinics.

Attendances during 1948.

Clinics.	Sessions.	Attendances.
Middlestown ...	Fortnightly ...	147
Crofton ...	„ ...	411
Sharlston ...	„ ...	321
Crigglesstone ...	Monthly ...	129

The provision of a free medical service for maternity has led many people to think that having booked a doctor for her confinement, a mother has no need to attend an ante-natal clinic. This was not the intention behind the plan. A doctor booked by an expectant mother undertakes to carry out at least one ante-natal examination, to attend the confinement if he considers it necessary and to make one post natal examination. Modern ante-natal practice involves several ante-natal examinations, examinations of the blood, urine and blood pressure repeatedly. Most general practitioners are too busy to do all this. The intention of the medical planners was that the resources of the ante-natal clinic should be at the disposal of the doctor in his general supervision of the case.

It should be remembered that much of the improvement in maternal and infant mortality and the still birth rates is due to advances in our knowledge of nutrition and the blood, which is applied in the work of the ante-natal clinics.

Domiciliary Midwifery.

During the year there were two whole time midwives and six district nurses doing midwifery in the Rural District. Between them they delivered 152 cases as midwives and 27 cases as maternity nurses.

Maternal Mortality.

There were no deaths of mothers during the year.

Child Welfare.

Clinics.	Medical Officer.	Health Visitor.	Attendances :	
			Under 1.	1 - 5.
Crigglesstone	Dr. H. D. Elliott	Miss Dyson	1174	492
Middlestown	Dr. J. M. Aitken	„ „	914	301
Crofton	Dr. I. Hargreaves	Mrs. Spencer	1022	779
Sharlston	Dr. C. S. Ashwell	„ „	965	717

It will be noticed that with the exception of Crofton, that clinics are staffed by general practitioners. In areas such as these where the great majority of families attending a particular clinic are on one doctor's list, there are obvious advantages to that doctor and the families in his being the clinic medical officer. I should like to take this opportunity of acknowledging our debt to these busy doctors for the excellent work that is done at these clinics.

School Health Service.

There are 14 schools in the district with a school population of 2474. There are three state registered nurses carrying out the duties of school nurses under the general supervision of the Health Visitor for the area. The work is divided as follows:—

School.			Nurse.	
Crigglestone Council	Infants	}	Nurse Howell.	
„	„ Mixed ...			
„	C. of E. ...			
Middlestown	Infants	}	„ „	
„	Mixed ...			
Newmillerdam	...	...	Nurse Tomlin.	
Woolley C. of E.	...	...	„ „	
Woolley	...	...	„ „	
West Bretton	...	...	„ „	
Crofton Council	Infants	}	Nurse Smith.	
„	„ Mixed ...			
Sharlston Council	Infants	}	Nurse Tomlin.	
„	„ Mixed ...			
Sharlston National...	...	...	„ „	
Walton Council	...	...	Nurse Smith.	
Netherton Council	...	...	Nurse Howell.	
Warmfield	...	...	Nurse Tomlin.	
Heath Parochial	...	...	„ „	

Medical Inspection at Schools.

School.	Sessions.	No. Seen.
Crigglestone Council	... 7 ...	115
Crigglestone C. of E.	... 2 ...	29
Newmillerdam Council	... 2 ...	29
Woolley Colliery	... 2 ...	45
Woolley C. of E.	... 1 ...	24
West Bretton	... 1 ...	14
Middlestown Council	... 4 ...	94
Crofton Council	... 11 ...	152
Netherton Council	... 2 ...	49
Sharlston Council	... 9 ...	161
Heath Parochial	... 1 ...	20
Warmfield	... 1 ...	17
Sharlston N.P.	... 1 ...	34
Walton Council	... 4 ...	76

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Nutrition.

When a child is medically examined his nutrition is graded as Good (A), Normal (B), or Poor (C). The results are as follows:—

	A.	B.	C.	
New Entrants	8 ...	373 ...	5	
Intermediates	11 ...	385 ...	3	
Leavers	9 ...	64 ...	1	Total
28 = 3.25 % 822 = 95.8 % 9 = 0.95 % 859				

School Clinics.

Attendances at Clinics.

Clinic.	Sessions.	No. Seen.	Average per Session.
Crofton	80 ...	3428	... 43
Sharlston	95 ...	2064	... 22
Walton	9 ...	296	... 33
Crigglestone	8 ...	295	... 37

The Walton clinic was started on the initiative of Nurse Spencer, the Health Visitor for the area in November. It has proved very popular with the teachers and parents.

Cleanliness Inspections.

School.	No. Seen.	No. Infected.	% Infected.
Crofton Council	1538	...	338 ... 21·81
Sharlston Council	1765	...	249 ... 14·06
Sharlston N.P.	646	...	81 ... 12·5
Walton Council	767	...	58 ... 7·56
Heath Parochial	207	...	7 ... 3·38
Warmfield	202	...	15 ... 7·35
Crigglestone Council	760	...	97 ... 12·7
Middlestown Council	176	...	12 ... 6·8
Netherton Council	277	...	18 ... 9·7
Newmillerdam Council	54	...	— ... —
Crigglestone C. of E.	98	...	4 ... 4·0
Woolley	142	...	5 ... 3·5
West Bretton	14	...	— ... —
	6646	...	884 ... 13·2

As will be seen from the table the percentage of children infected varies from school to school. It also varies from time to time in the same school. I believe that the persistence of the school nurses in this work is leading slowly to an improvement.

Home Help Service.

The purpose of this service is to supply domestic assistance to families where the mother is confined at home and in other cases where for one reason or another the mother is unable to continue her household duties. The service is not free but the scale of assessment for recovery of charges is a generous one, and in many cases no charge is, in fact, made.

The service is run on a divisional basis, helpers being required to work anywhere in the division within reasonable travelling time of their homes.

Women who have the time and the vocation for this important form of social work are hard to find, and as the service becomes better known the demand for it strains our resources to the utmost. It is therefore important in this sphere as in others in our system of social service that it should be used economically so that those whose need is real do not call upon it in vain.

Section C.—Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

Water is purchased in bulk and distributed by the Council from the following sources :—

Wakefield Corporation	
Dewsbury	„
Darton U.D.C.	
Kirkburton U.D.C.	
Royston	„
Hemsworth	„

The quality of the water is checked frequently and regularly and with one exception has been satisfactory throughout the year. The exception was the Woolley Colliery area where during August and September, a number of samples showed a varying amount of sediment and annelid worms. The bacterial counts were also significantly high though there was never at any time evidence of faecal contamination. The trouble was eventually traced to the cleaning of a reservoir at the Penistone Waterworks which was the source of some of the water provided by the Darton U.D.C.

At the end of the year there were 5330 houses with a piped water supply and 27 houses without. Of these 14 have demolition orders on them and the remainder have no water mains within reasonable distance.

There have been shortages of water from time to time in a number of places particularly Notton and Sitlington. Schemes are in hand to correct the deficiencies in these areas.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

There are sewage disposal works in the following parishes :—

Warmfield and Heath
Sitlington
Sharlston
Crofton
Notton
Woolley
Walton.

Owing to the new housing estates most of these works need enlarging now or in the near future. There are also 698 houses unsewered to be taken into account. Schemes are in hand to deal with the following parishes:—

Bretton
Crofton
Crigglestone
Notton and Woolley
Sitlington.

Sanitary Conveniences.

Water Closets	...	...	...	4068
Covered Privy Middens	...	...	...	482
Open	„	„	...	20
Tub or pail Closets	...	...	...	69
Covered Dry Ashpits	...	...	...	—
Open	„	„	...	20

Privy Conversions.

56 houses were converted to the water carriage system during the year.

Housing.

The number of houses erected in the Council's area during the year is 148. Further particulars about these are given in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

It will also be seen from the Inspector's report (Housing Statistics, Section C) that Demolition Orders were made on 18 houses and of these 8 were demolished. It is the intention to get the remaining 10 demolished when the present tenants are rehoused. In the meantime, if defects arise in these houses it is very difficult to get anything done to rectify the trouble. From my experience of these and similar cases, I consider it most inadvisable to condemn houses, however bad their condition may be, unless and until there is an immediate prospect of rehousing the tenants. This entails close co-operation between the Public Health and Housing Committees.

Section D. Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases.

	1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 plus	Hospital	Total.
Measles	..	9	26	39	43	66	112	4	..	..	..	..	299
Scarlet Fever	..	..	5	12	8	36	14	1	4	3	..	80	83
Whooping Cough	..	6	6	4	6	5	6	..	..	..	..	..	34
Pneumonia	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	1	2	6	4	..	17
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	1	..	6
Diphtheria	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1

As will be seen, measles continued to be prevalent in the area, there being 299 notifications compared to 234 last year. There were no deaths from the disease. Scarlet Fever notifications fell from 102 to 83 this year. The incidence of Whooping Cough also fell from 62 to 34.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 240 children received a full immunizing course, and 15 children received reinforcement doses.

The total number of children in the Wakefield Rural District who have completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1948 is 1,466.

This represents 35·3 per cent. of the total population.

Vaccination.

During the year 58 under 1 year, 4 aged between 1 — 4 years and 1 over 14 received primary vaccination.

Two persons were re-vaccinated.

Tuberculosis.

Nine cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and five new cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. 14 cases were removed from the register as recovered and 7 cases died, showing the tuberculosis register at the end of the year as follows :—

	M.		F.	Total.
Pulmonary ...	29	...	13	42
Non-Pulmonary ...	11	...	8	19
	—		—	—
	40		21	61
	—		—	—

Verminous Persons.

Arrangements for cleansing of verminous people, clothing, bedding and all textile articles likely to contain vermin, are made with the City of Leeds when the occurrence arises. The infested articles are steam disinfected and, during the occupier's stay at the cleansing station, the premises are fumigated. No action was necessary for dealing with verminous persons.

WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector
for the year 1948.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I respectfully submit my Annual Report for the year 1948. This will be the last report I shall have the honour of preparing for you as your Chief Sanitary Inspector.

I shall take with me into my retirement, many happy and pleasant memories of the years I have spent in the Rural District. I am quite certain no Sanitary Inspector has received greater consideration, more concessions, unparalled confidence, kindness, and extreme courtesy from every member of the Council, every Official and every member of the Staff, than I have during my term of office.

In the 25 years I have held this position, many trying and difficult problems have arisen, but I have always, even in the most troublesome days, felt that I had the support and confidence of the Council, Officials and Staff. In the remaining years that are before me I shall always feel I am still part of the Rural District, and shall follow its work and progress with the same interest as I have done in the past.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all I have received from you. I wish the Council, every individual member, every Official and all the Staff, the best of good wishes for the future. During my term of Office I have served five Medical Officers of Health, of the Rural District, and everyone has been most courteous to me, may my successor receive the same consideration I have.

I wish you goodbye with regrets, that age and circumstances compel me to relinquish my services with you.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T. H. BRIDDICK, M.R.San.I., F.S.I.A.

Notices and Correspondence.

No. of Statutory Notices served Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 39)	—
„ „ Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 75) ...	79
„ „ Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 269) ...	8
„ „ Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 93) ...	3
„ „ Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 47) ...	—
„ „ Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 277) ...	16
„ „ Informal Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 93) ...	21
„ „ Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 168) ...	—
„ „ Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 12)... ..	—
„ „ Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 11)... ..	41
„ „ Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 9)	1
„ „ Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 155)	—
„ „ Statutory Notices Factory Act 1937	1
„ „ Informal Letters	41
„ „ Letters sent	689
Total ...	900

Number of Nuisances reported to Sanitary Committee ...	21
Number of nuisances outstanding, 1947	—
Number abated on service of Statutory Notice (Public Health Acts)	21
Do. abated before Statutory Notice was served	—
Do. of reported nuisances outstanding, 1948	—

Houses Erected, 1948.

	Bretton	Criggstone	Crofton	Chevet	Newland	Notton	Sharlston	Sitlington	Walton	Warmfield	Winterset	Woolley	Total
Private Enterprise and Subsidy ..	—	1	4	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	10
By the Council under 1936 Acts Houses	—	10	3	—	—	10	12	20	—	—	—	—	55
Pre-fabs by Council	—	—	—	—	—	20	19	24	—	20	—	—	83
Total ..	—	11	7	—	—	32	31	47	—	20	—	—	148

Inhabited Houses.

Parish						Houses
Chevet	...	...	...	...	...	13
Crigglestone	...	...	...	...	..	1338
Crofton	...	...	...	...	...	866
Newland-cum-Woodhouse	...	..	...	...	...	7
Notton	...	...	...	...	...	196
Sharlston	...	...	...	...	...	800
Sitlington	...	..	...	...	..	1073
Walton	...	...	...	...	...	406
Warmfield-cum-Heath	..	...	..	..	..	308
Bretton West	..	...	...	...	...	89
Winterset	...	...	...	..	...	13
Woolley	...	...	...	...	...	311
TOTAL						5420

Sanitary Inspection of Area.

General District Inspection	...	...	...	...	361
Notifiable Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	88
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	199
Meat Distributing Centres	...	...	...	...	54
Interviews and Appointments in District	...	...	...	...	414
Investigations of Complaints	...	...	...	...	235
Ice-Cream Shops	...	...	...	...	17
Petroleum	...	...	...	...	33
Inspections of Works for the Abatement of Nuisances	...	...	...	...	238
Drain Testing	...	...	...	...	151
Shops	...	...	...	...	299
Inspection of Houses	...	...	...	...	183
Refuse Tips	...	...	...	...	264
Salvage	...	...	...	...	103
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	63
Factories	...	...	...	...	45
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	294
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	353
Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	34
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	19
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	30
Homeworkers Premises	...	...	...	...	2
TOTAL					3479

IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED, Year 1948.

PARISH	Drains taken out	New Drains laid	Drains found defective	Stopped Drains cleansed	Gully Traps affixed	Inspection Chambers built	Drains ventilated	Sink Wastes repaired	Sink Wastes trapped	New Sinks affixed	Water Conductors repaired	Fall Pipes disconnected	Water Closets repaired	W.C.s provided	Privies converted into W.C.s	Asphits repaired	New Ashbins provided	W.C., Soil & Vent Pipes rep'd	Dirty Houses cleansed	Urinals repaired	Houses damp	House Roofs repaired	House Floors repaired	Plaster-work repaired	Yards paved	Animals kept to be a nuisance	Swine removed	Dilapidations repaired	Cesspools repaired	Cowsheds repaired	Dairies repaired	New Cesspools provided	Sewage Disposal Plants prov.	Sewage Disposal Plants rep'd	Other Items	TOTAL		
Chevet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	13	2	..	2	..	..	4	3	1	3	6	4	5	1	..	..	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	89
Crigglestone	..	2	12	18	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	48	1	..	1	2	..	..	6	7	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85	
Crofton	..	1	4	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Newland-cum-Woodhouse	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Notton	..	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	
Sharlston	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	6	9	4	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	
Sitlington	..	2	6	9	..	1	1	2	..	1	3	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	2	1	3	4	1	4	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	
Walton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Warmfield-cum-Heath	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
West Bretton	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	
Winterset	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	
Woolley	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	
TOTAL	..	5	32	36	2	1	1	4	..	5	4	1	22	2	56	4	..	5	9	2	21	29	16	22	2	2	2	..	12	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	301	

Disinfections.

Disinfections are carried out by workmen specially trained for this work and the method adopted is spraying with Formaldy-hyde and Formalin Lamps. During the year 110 disinfections were carried out by this method. In the case of verminous houses, de-infestation is done by spraying with a special insecticide and fumigation with sulphur candles.

Disinfectants are supplied free for use in houses where a case of infectious disease has occurred and where Tuberculosis patients reside. Stores for the supply of disinfectants are situated in each of the Townships and supplies are issued on the production of a note signed either by myself or the disinfectors.

The following disinfections were carried out during 1948:—

DISINFECTIONS	DISEASES										
	Tuberculosis	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Poliomyelitis	Enteric	Vermin	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	Scabies	Pneumonia	Other Cases	TOTAL
Private Dwelling Houses	1	86	2	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	104
Schools ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Day Nursery ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maternity Homes ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6
TOTAL ..	1	86	2	—	—	15	—	—	—	6	110

The result of the disinfections for zymotic diseases has been very satisfactory and no secondary cases have occurred that could be traced to the inefficiency of the method adopted.

The total number of houses disinfected for tuberculosis during the year was 1.

Disinfestation.

15 houses were found to be infested with bugs during the year.

Food and Drugs.

No samples were submitted to the Public Analyst during the year.

Cowsheds, Milk Shops, Dairies.

On the 31st December, 1948, there were 40 wholesale producers, 76 producer retailers and retailers.

199 visits were made during the year to farms and dairies; the average number of dairy cattle kept in the district was 1,250.

Milk.

55 samples of milk produced on Accredited Farms in the district, were submitted for examination by Inspectors of the West Riding County Council. Of these 42 were found to be satisfactory, and 13 unsatisfactory.

Food Inspection.

- 3 1/5th-pint tins of Anchor Evaporated Milk.
- 4 1-lb. 14-ozs. tins of Letona Australian Peaches.
- 1 Pig (Fat Necrosis secondary to Chronic Erysipelas).
- 2 1-lb 13-oz. Tins of Denmark Pork.
- 11 5½-lb. Priority Fruit Cakes.
- 1 Case (2 dozen) 14 oz. tins of Zeeuwshe Marselin Marinaded Mussels.
- 1 7-lb. tin of Swift Plate Brisket Beef.

In the district there are 27 Fish Friers. The conditions at these premises were found satisfactory. 34 visits were made to these premises.

Petroleum and like Substances.

31 premises are licensed for the storage of Petroleum. There were no accidents during the year and no contraventions of the Petroleum Act discovered.

Canal Boats.

There are no Canal Boats registered in the district. Canal Boats worked in the district are chiefly day boats on which there is no sleeping accommodation. These boats pass through several districts on their journeys.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—
 - (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 183
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 18
 - (3) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 63
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notice :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers .. . 45
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—
 - A.—Proceedings under sections 9 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. 1
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—
 - (a) By owners 1
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners —
 - B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied —
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of notices :—
 - (a) By owners —
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners —

C. — Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

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| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... | 18 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | | 8 |

D. — Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

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|---|--------|---|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | | — |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | | — |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close. | | — |

Sanitary Conveniences.

Water Closets	...	...	4068
Covered Privy Middens	...	...	482
Open Privy Middens	...	...	20
Tub or Pail Closets	...	...	69
Covered Dry Ashpits	...	...	—
Open Dry Ashpits	...	...	20
Ashbins	...	...	4124

Scavenging.

The total cost of house refuse collection, cleansing of cesspools, and collection of waste paper, rags and bones, was £5292 0s. 0d. throughout the district during the period 1st April, 1948. The income to the Cleansing Department for waste paper, rags and bones, and for work done to Private Cesspools was £417 0s. 0d., this gives a net cost of cleansing, including cesspools, of £4875.

